



The Magical Journey of Herr Korbes and Friends

Once upon a time, in a magical forest, there lived a clever cock and a wise hen. They decided to go on an adventure to visit their friend, Herr Korbes. The cock, being quite handy, built a beautiful little carriage with four shiny red wheels and harnessed four tiny mice to pull it.

As they set off, they met a friendly cat who asked, "Where are you going?" The cock replied, "We're off to see Herr Korbes! Would you like to come along?" The cat, delighted, hopped into the carriage, taking care not to dirty the bright red wheels.

Along the way, they met more friends who joined their journey: a jolly millstone, a laughing egg, a dancing duck, a sharp pin, and a tiny needle. They all found a spot in the whimsical carriage and continued their merry journey.

When they arrived at Herr Korbes' house, they discovered he wasn't home. So they decided to surprise him! The mice parked the carriage in the barn, the hen and the cock perched up high to watch the door, and the cat cozied up by the hearth.

The duck perched on the well-pole to keep a lookout, the egg nestled in a soft towel, the pin and the needle found comfy spots in a cushion and pillow, and the millstone positioned itself above the door, ready to drop a gentle warning if anyone else came.

Finally, Herr Korbes returned. As he stepped in, the cat accidentally knocked some ashes towards him, making him chuckle. He rushed to the kitchen to clean up, where the duck playfully splashed a bit of water, causing more laughter. When he tried to dry off with the towel, the egg, being a bit clumsy, bumped into him, but it didn't break!

As Herr Korbes sat down to rest, the pin and needle gently nudged him, reminding him of their presence. He laughed at the surprise and decided to take a nap. But just as he was getting comfortable, the millstone, trying to be a part of the fun, made a funny sound that woke him up with a start.

Seeing all his forest friends in his home, Herr Korbes burst into laughter. "What a wonderful surprise!" he exclaimed. They all had a delightful party, sharing stories and snacks. Herr Korbes was so happy with the surprise visit that he decided to join their adventures.

From that day on, the group of friends, led by the clever cock and the wise hen, traveled together, spreading joy and laughter wherever they went, and Herr Korbes was never grumpy again.